Changes in RTI act

†3287. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orders have been issued by the Prime Minister to make amendments in the Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, the details of these orders; and

(c) the reasons for issuance of such orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) After consideration of the various aspects of the issue, the Government is of the view that substantive file notings on certain aspects relating to social and developmental issues may be disclosed. Modalities in this regard, however, are being worked out.

Reservation for OBCs/SCs/STs

†3288. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision for reservation for OBCs, SCs and STs in Government jobs;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that reservation is also available to the above persons in Indian Administrative Services, Indian Police Services and Indian Foreign Services;

(c) if so, what would be the number of above said persons in all the above services as per the reservation by the end of March, 2005; and

(d) the category-wise details of actual appointments in above said service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) As per information received from administrative Ministries, there are 222 OBCs, 546 SCs and 312 STs in the Indian Administrative Service as on 13-12-2005,142 OBCs, 312 SCs and 160 STs in the Indian Police Service as on 1-4-2005 and 43 OBCs, 82 SCs and 48 STs in the Indian Foreign Service as on 1-4-2005.

Lok Pal Legislation

3289. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKABALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked for a status report on the long-intended Lok Pal legislation;

(b) whether the proposed Lok Pal Bill is now reads for legislative process; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCESAND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is committed to bring a Bill on Lokpal. Accordingly, a Group of Ministers has been constituted to examine and make recommendations on the Lok Pal Bill.

Compassionate appointment

3290. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of requests from dependent family members of deceased Government employees for appointments on compassionate ground are lying in various departments of Government in general and Delhi offices of DGHS and Food Corporation of India in particular;

(b) if so, the details thereof, case-wise;

(c) the policy and the details of steps being taken to accede to such requests on priority; and